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(SBU) Poloff demarched Sri Lanka Ministry of Foreign Affairs Deputy Director of United Nations and Multilateral Affair Sumedha Ekanayake April 25 on the creation of a new distinctive emblem (the red crystal) for the International Red Cross/Red Crescent Movement. Sumedha assured poloff that Sri Lanka's no-show at an April 12 Ambassadors' meeting in Geneva to discuss the adoption of the protocol had been due only to the late hour of the vote, and that they intended to vote yes at the next meeting. LUNSTEAD